

INITIAL STATEMENT OF REASONS
Title 13. Chapter 1, Division 1, Article 3
Vehicle Registration and Titling

Section 154.00. Commercial Vehicle Weight Decals

Vehicle Code section 9400.1 requires specified fees to be paid for the registration of commercial vehicles operating singly or in combination with a declared gross vehicle weight of 10,001 pounds or more. Upon payment of fees, the department is required to issue two weight decals to be affixed to each door of the vehicle.

Current regulations require the weight decals to be visible from a distance of fifty feet. The department has been made aware of some concerns with the current decal placement requirements. When a weight decal is affixed to a sliding door on a commercial vehicle there is a tendency for the decal to deteriorate from the friction of the sliding doors. Also, when the doors are open for long periods of time, the weight decal is not visible as required by section 154.00 of the California Code of Regulations.

The department proposes to amend Section 154.00 in Title 13, California Code of Regulations, in order to allow commercial vehicles to affix a weight decal immediately in front of or behind each door, as well as on the door. Allowing the decals to be placed adjacent to the door will reduce the wear and tear on commercial vehicles equipped with sliding doors.

§154.00. Commercial Vehicle Weight Decals.

Subparagraph (a) is amended to allow weight decals to be affixed immediately in front or behind the sliding door of a commercial vehicle. This is necessary to decrease decal deterioration due to sliding doors as well as maintain decal visibility.